

the time equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote on the confirmation of the nomination and that the confirmation be subject to an affirmative 60-vote threshold; that upon achieving that threshold, the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and there be no further motions in order, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask there be a modification to allow Senator BUNNING 20 minutes of the time available for the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius.

Mr. REID. No problem at all with that, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection to the request as modified, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would finally say we are working on Tom Strickland. Senator BUNNING has written a letter to Mr. Strickland. He is entitled to a response, either orally or in writing. We hope to get that for him tomorrow. But we will work that out next week, we hope. We are going to be in session tomorrow. Hopefully I can have that information for Senator BUNNING tomorrow.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 47; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, no further motions be in order; that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### TRIBUTE TO STEVEN MOSLEY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we talk a lot around here about being a family,

and we are. There are people we learn to like a lot. A lot of times we see these people just passing through as they are doing their jobs.

One of the people I have known since I have come to the Senate is a man by the name of Steve Mosley. If I had a picture of Steve Mosley, everyone would recognize him. He is a big man, always smiling. He was someone who came to my office quite often for different things he was assigned to do. I had a number of conversations with him.

He loved sports activities. He was a season ticket holder for the Washington Wizards. He never missed a home game. He loved the Redskins and hated the Dallas Cowboys. He was certainly willing to say that at any time.

Steve has been a member of the Sergeant at Arms team and family. For 32 years he has been with Capitol Facilities, ensuring the service needs of the Capitol were met. It was bringing wood to an office, it was doing some work that needed to be done because someone had messed up an office, moving furniture—whatever it was, he was available.

He was a native Washingtonian, married to his wife Michelle for 26 years. Steve had one child, a son, Steven, Jr. He is 25 years old. His son Steven, Jr. and his wife Michelle of course were both stunned when Steve died. He was only 52 years old. He was born on April 12.

As I said, he loved the Redskins; was a season ticket holder. Also, he loved Cadillacs and he had two of them.

I think one of the most important things to remember about Steve is that he cared deeply about people. He was always the first to help, whether it was an Easter basket for one of the people who worked here who was in need of a little extra, or, for people who needed a ride, his Cadillac was always available to take them wherever they needed to go.

He died way too soon and we, as a Senate, certainly are not as good as we were before Steve died. He was loved by all of his coworkers at Capitol Facilities in the Capitol. I will miss him. We all will miss him. I want the RECORD to be spread with the knowledge to his family that we cared about Steve as he cared about us.

Our thoughts go with his family, that they will be able to work through this time of bereavement as we look toward a brighter day.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise to note the sad and sudden passing of a very familiar face to me and to many others around the Capitol.

Steve Mosley had been a fixture on the Capitol Facilities staff for 32 years when he passed away last night—and those of us who knew him will miss his great disposition and all that he did for so many years behind the scenes to keep this place running smoothly.

It has been noted that Steve was a pretty serious Redskins fan. That is an understatement. People who knew him

say they can't remember him ever missing a single home game, rain or shine. And he liked to share his enthusiasm for the Skins with colleagues, particularly the Cowboy fans.

But Steve's friends also remember him for his generosity.

Like the time he offered to help set up the wedding reception of one of his colleagues so the colleague would be able to go out and enjoy his bachelor party. Steve never made it to the bachelor party himself. He spent the night making sure everything was ready for the reception.

One colleague recalled the time he wanted to get a limousine for his daughter on prom night but couldn't afford to spend the money. He told Steve about it at work one day, and the night of the prom, Steve showed up at the house in a black Mercedes Benz that he had washed and waxed for the occasion. Not only could the daughter use Steve's car for the prom—she could have him as a chauffeur too. A couple years later, Steve did the same thing for the girl's younger brother.

A lot of us have been here a long time, but few of us have been here as long as Steve was. He loved his job. He took a lot of pride in doing it well. And anytime someone new came on board, they knew they could learn the ropes, and a lot more, from Steve Mosley.

Senator REID mentioned earlier that the Senate is really a family. And whenever we lose somebody in the Senate, whichever office they are from or duty they perform, we lose a member of the family. And with Steve it is like we are losing one of the elders in that family. He takes a lifetime of proud and service with him and he leaves a distinguished legacy and many friends behind.

So on behalf of the entire Senate, I want to extend our condolences to Steve's wife, Michelle, and to their son, Steven, Jr. for their loss. And I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and my thanks to our friend Steve for his many years of devoted service.

We'll miss him.

### CHINA

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I am chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, and I want to say a few words about China and a very courageous man in China who we believe now is in a Chinese prison and likely being tortured. I think it is very important for our country to speak out about this issue.

Let me say first, there are many thoughtful and independent people in China today who understand the importance of fundamental rights and the role of strong and independent legal institutions. A few of these people work for the Chinese Government. Many work at universities or with U.S. companies and law firms. They care about the rule of law. Some of have cooperated with US agencies to increase food